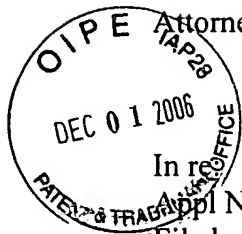


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Attorney's Docket No. 046658/271691

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Meritet *et al.* Confirmation No.: 8380
 Appl No.: 10/717,767 Group Art Unit: 1646
 Filed: November 20, 2003 Examiner: Hissong, Bruce D.
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of five (5) months to respond to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006.

2. Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

☒ A check in the amount of \$2,160.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

☐ All fees are being authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 when electronically filing

☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

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